

DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. 99215

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD FOR MAKING ALUMINIUM ALLOY STRIPS BY CONTINUOUS THIN GAUGE

TWIN-ROLL CASTING

the specification of which

(check one) XX is described and claimed in PCT International Application PCT/FR98/00965filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) May 14, 1998 amended on _____ (if applicable)

(OR) _____ is described in United States Application Number _____

filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ (OR) _____ is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Claimed? Yes No
97 06407	France	May 20, 1997	<u>XX</u> _____

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States Provisional Application(s) listed below.

Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

U.S. Parent Application or PCT	Parent Filing Date	Parent Patent Number
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